

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:249
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2000
SOFTWARE TRADE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether software trade has increased during the first half of the current year as compared to the same period during last year;
- (b) if so, the quantum of increase registered therein;
- (c) the contribution of domestic and international markets in the growing software trade;
- (d) the fresh incentives announced by the Government to promote software trade during the current year; and
- (e) the policy formulated to explore the vast potentials for its further expansion in rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.249 FOR 06.12.2000 REGARDING SOFTWARE TRADE

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): According to National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) survey, during the first half of the year 2000-2001 (i.e. April-September 2000 period), the software industry in India generated a revenue of Rs.17,150 crore, against Rs.10,860 crores for the corresponding period in 1999-2000, thus registering a growth of 58%.

(c): During the year 1999-2000, software revenue in domestic and international markets was Rs.7,200 crore and Rs.17,150 crore, respectively.

(d): The details are at Annexure.

(e): Software Industry is being encouraged to grow in all region of the country by proactive actions taken by the Central and State Governments. This includes extension of Software Technology Parks to various places in the country. Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) is also constantly working towards wider regional coverage of international data connectivity, Data Communication links, Internet connectivity etc., are getting improved continuously through the implementation of liberal Internet Service Providers (ISP) policy and other telecom policies.

Most of the State Governments have drawn up industry friendly IT policies which is facilitating the balanced growth of software industry.